

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a copy of Applicants' claims as currently pending, with claim 106 canceled through this response as set forth below.

1 – 84. (Canceled).

85. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

receiving an entitlement unit table (EUT), the EUT comprising an identifier of a first service and one or more entitlement unit numbers (EUNs) that each uniquely identify a service package that comprises one or more services available to the user, the one or more services for each of the one or more EUNs including the first service;

responsive to user selection of the first service from an electronic program guide (EPG), determining whether at least one of the one or more EUNs matches an authorized EUN; and

responsive to determining that there is a match between the one or more EUNs and the authorized EUN, tuning to the selected first service.

86. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 85, wherein receiving comprises receiving the EUT in an encrypted format.

87. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 85, wherein receiving comprises receiving the EUT in a nonencrypted format.

88. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 85, wherein receiving comprises receiving the EUT from an MPEG-compliant transport stream.

89. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 85, further comprising, responsive to the tuning, determining whether the selected first service is an authorized service.

90. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 89, wherein determining whether the selected first service is an authorized service comprises:

receiving an encrypted entitlement control message (ECM); and
decrypting the encrypted ECM to reveal encrypted control words and the one or more EUNs, the encrypted control words corresponding to elementary streams of the selected first service and the one or more EUNs.

91. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 90, wherein determining whether the selected first service is an authorized service further comprises:

determining whether at least one of the one or more EUNs matches an authorized EUN.

92. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 91, further comprising decrypting the encrypted control words responsive to determining that there is a match between the one or more EUNs and the authorized EUN.

93. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 92, further comprising decrypting the elementary streams of the selected first service based on the decrypted control words.

94. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 90, wherein receiving the encrypted ECM comprises receiving the encrypted ECM from an MPEG-compliant transport stream.

95. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:

 a tuner; and

 a processor configured to control the tuner, the processor further configured to:

 receive an entitlement unit table (EUT), the EUT comprising an identifier of a first service and one or more entitlement unit numbers (EUNs) that each uniquely identify a service package that comprises one or more services available to the user, the one or more services for each of the one or more EUNs including the first service;

 responsive to user selection of the first service, determine whether at least one of the one or more EUNs matches an authorized EUN; and

 responsive to determining that there is a match between the one or more EUNs and the authorized EUN, configure the tuner to tune to the selected first service.

96. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 95, wherein the processor is further configured to receive the EUT in an encrypted format.

97. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 95, wherein the processor is further configured to receive the EUT in a nonencrypted format.

98. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 95, wherein the processor is further configured to receive the EUT from an MPEG-compliant transport stream.

99. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 95, wherein the processor is further configured to determine whether the selected first service is an authorized service.

100. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 99, wherein the processor is further configured to:

receive an encrypted entitlement control message (ECM); and
decrypt the encrypted ECM to reveal encrypted control words and the one or more EUNs, the encrypted control words corresponding to elementary streams of the selected first service and the one or more EUNs.

101. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 100, wherein the processor is further configured to determine whether at least one of the one or more EUNs matches an authorized EUN.

102. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 101, wherein the processor is further configured to decrypt the encrypted control words responsive to determining that there is a match between the one or more EUNs and the authorized EUN.

103. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 102, wherein the processor is further configured to decrypt the elementary streams of the selected first service based on the decrypted control words.

104. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 100, wherein the processor is further configured to receive the encrypted ECM from an MPEG-compliant transport stream.

105. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 95, wherein the processor is further configured to provide an electronic program guide (EPG) that enables the user to select the first service.

106. (Canceled)